

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 16 at line number 27 with the following amended paragraph:

Many different arbitration schemes may be utilized to schedule the bulk channel. In one embodiment, the arbitration scheme allocates output ports as a function of the number of requests being made by an input port. Those input ports making the fewest requests are scheduled first. In another embodiment, the arbitration scheme may allocate output ports based on the number of requests being made for a particular output port. Those output ports with the fewest requests are allocated first. A round robin scheme can also be used by the arbiter to avoid starvation in conjunction with those embodiments. Further details on an arbiter which may be used in some or all of the embodiments described herein, are described in the patent application entitled "Least Choice First Arbiter", naming Nils Gura and Hans Eberle as inventors, application number _____ (~~Attorney Docket Number 1004-4282~~) application number 09/540,729, filed the same day as the present application and which is incorporated herein by reference. Of course, one of ordinary skill would understand that many other arbiters are known in the art and may be utilized in the various embodiments described herein.